

Please cancel claims 2, 7, and 8.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

b2 3 (Amended). The display of claim 1 wherein the plurality of straps are attached to the back surfaces so that the straps are perpendicular to each other.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

b3 9 (Amended). The display of claim 1 wherein the plurality of straps redistribute bending stress as tension in the straps.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

b4 10 (Amended). The display of claim 1 wherein the plurality of straps redistribute stress as compression in the straps.

Please cancel claims 11-16.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to call for an integrator, a plurality of straps, and the straps to redistribute stress from the optical integrator to the straps. Since this material was in pending dependent claims, these amendments are enterable as a matter of right. As amended, the claims call for redistributing stress. The Examiner surmises that the cited reference redistributes stress.

However, the ability of the elements 21b to redistribute stress is a function of the nature of the material used. There is no reason to believe that the material used for the elements 21b, which are intended to be optical masks, would have any structural integrity whatsoever. Assuming that they have *de minimus* structural integrity, they cannot contribute to redistributing stresses since they would be far more flexible than the optical integrator itself. Therefore, these elements cannot be presumed to contribute to the redistribution of stress.

In other words, an inherency rejection could not be sustained since, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2112, the cited references do not necessarily function in the claimed way. The elements 21b may well be too flexible, relative to an integrator, to redistribute stresses.

Therefore, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance.